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**REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 18, 2013**  
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The North Providence School Committee met on December 18, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Iannetta, Mr. Palmieri, Mrs. Picard, Mr. DaSilva and Mr. Andreozzi. Also present were Superintendent Smith, Mr. McNamee and Mr. Henneous. Dr. Carson and Mr. Wright were present for the Regular Session only. Appropriate disclosure was made by the Chair concerning compliance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-(4)&(5) indicating that any person to be discussed had been appropriately notified.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and Mrs. Picard and carried to go into open session at 6:30 p.m. The regular session was recessed to go into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. The open session reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

**The Chair called the meeting to order.**

## **II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**The Chair led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.**

## **III. CHAIR TO REPORT OUT ANY VOTES TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECEIVE MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION+ MINUTES PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF RIGL 42-46-(4) & (5).**

**The Chair reported that no votes were taken in Executive Session. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mr. Andreozzi and carried by unanimous consent to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the personnel issue.**

## **IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

**No correspondence was received.**

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 6-13.**

**Public comments were received.**

## **VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **1. Superintendent's Communication.**

#### **(a) 2013 Division IV State Football Champs.**

**Superintendent Smith spoke about the Football Team winning the 2013 Division IV State Championships. Mrs. Picard announced the names of the coaches and players and each was awarded a certificate of recognition. The Chair thanked members of the team, parents, coaches and everyone for coming to the meeting and spoke about how proud everyone is of the team.**

#### **(b) Technology/Robotics Club – Mike Daley.**

**Mr. Daley, coach of the Tech Club at the High School, spoke about their participation in the tech challenge, the club meetings, and the State Championship in February. The Chair thanked Mr. Daley for the presentation.**

#### **(c) Grading Policy & Criteria.**

**Superintendent Smith spoke about implementing the grading policy. Mrs. Picard thanked Superintendent Smith and Ms. Jacques.**

## **2. Monthly Financial Report.**

**Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Monthly Financial Report as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Monthly Financial Report as submitted.**

## **3. Home Schooling.**

**Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant the Home Schooling Request(s) as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried by a vote of 6 to 1 to grant the Home Schooling Requests as submitted. Mr. Cataldi voted nay to the motion.**

## **4. Field Trips.**

**Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the Field Trip Requests as submitted. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to grant the Field Trips as submitted.**

## **5. Standing Orders.**

**Superintendent Smith requested that the Committee vote to approve the Standing Orders as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Standing Orders as submitted.**

#### **6. VETS Rental Contract for Graduation on 6-4-14.**

**Superintendent Smith requested approval of the VETS Rental Contract for Graduation on 6-4-14 as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and carried by unanimous consent to approve the VETS Rental Contract as submitted.**

#### **7. Collective Bargaining Agreement.**

**Mr. Palmieri announced that there was a tentative agreement but it was rejected by the members. He said that it is disheartening**

#### **8. Special Education Program Proposal.**

**Superintendent Smith recommended that the Committee vote to approve the Special Education Program Proposal as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Special Education Program as submitted.**

#### **9. Strategic Plan.**

**Superintendent Smith recommended that the Committee vote to approve the Strategic Plan. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard, Mr. Iannetta and the entire committee and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Strategic Plan as submitted.**

#### **10. Local 1033 Collective Bargaining Agreement.**

**Superintendent Smith recommended that the Committee vote to approve the 1033 Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and the entire committee and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Local 1033 Collective Bargaining Agreement as submitted. Members thanked Mr. McNamee.**

#### **11. Removal of Furniture from Inventory.**

**Superintendent Smith recommended that the Committee vote to approve the removal of furniture from the inventory. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Removal of Furniture from Inventory.**

## **12. Birchwood Feinstein Grant.**

**Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the Birchwood Feinstein Grant as submitted. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Birchwood Feinstein Grant as submitted.**

## **13. Transportation Policy.**

**Discussion took place with respect to the Transportation Policy. Mr. Henneous spoke about his research regarding policies in other districts being all over the place. There is no set standard and you can develop a policy that meets the needs of the District. The Chair spoke about the moral obligation and the world we live in today. He felt that he would never send his child to walk home alone. Members offered comments and suggestions, including turning it over to the truancy officer. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard and Mr. Andreozzi and carried by unanimous consent to request that the Superintendent take the suggestions into consideration and amend the policy.**

## **VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

**No reports were received.**

## **VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE**

**No requests were received.**

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Bids.**

**Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the bid for Wireless Classroom Initiative to ePlus as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Bid for Wireless Classroom Initiative to ePlus as submitted.**

### **2. Resignation(s).**

**Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to the Resignation(s) as submitted.**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Ianetta and carried by unanimous consent to approve the resignation(s) as submitted.**

### **3. Retirement(s).**



**Superintendent Smith recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to accept the retirement as submitted.**

**Motion by Elisa Pagliarini – Teacher Assistant – Birchwood Middle School – Effective December 31, 2013.**

#### **4. Leaves of Absence.**

**Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to the Leaves of Absence as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Leave of Absence Requests as submitted.**

#### **5. Layoff(s)/Non-Renewal(s)**

**There were no Layoff(s)/Non-Renewals.**

#### **6. Appointments.**

**Superintendent Smith asked for the advice and consent of the Committee to approve the appointment of Christina Coro – High School Girls' Assistant Fast Pitch Softball Coach Effective – 2013/2014 Season Only – 1 Year and Carol Maher – Elementary School Secretary – Greystone Elementary School Effective 2013-2014 School Year – 1 Year Only. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to grant advice and consent to the Appointments**

**as presented. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

**The Chair asked the appointees to stand and receive recognition and applause.**

**7. Layoff Recision(s).**

**No Layoff Recision(s) were received.**

**8. Displacements.**

**No Displacements were received.**

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Pel Industries One Year Licensing Agreement.**

**Superintendent Smith requested that the Committee vote to approve the Pel**

**Industries Licensing Agreement for One Year to allow the sale of Cougar gear at Walmart. Members asked questions and offered comments. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Pel Industries Licensing Agreement as submitted.**

## **XI. USE OF PROPERTY**

**Superintendent Smith recommended that the Committee consider and vote to approve the Use of Property Requests as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Use of Property Requests as submitted.**

## **XII. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the December 2013 List of Bills as presented and submitted to the Committee. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to approve the December 2013 List of Bills as presented. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **XIII. APPROVAL OF FUNDRAISERS.**

**No fundraiser approvals were received.**

## **XIV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to**

**approve and seal the Minutes of the November 20, 2013 School Committee Executive Session as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to approve the Minutes of the November 20, 2013 School Committee Meetings as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

#### **XV. PENDING BUSINESS**

**No pending business was discussed.**

#### **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Margie Caranci**

**Recording Secretary of the North Providence  
School Committee**

**Date Submitted to the Committee: January 17, 2014**

**Date Approved by the Committee: January 22, 2014**